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INFO LAHORE AND PESHAWAR ON OCTOBER 8 IS REPEATED FOR
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FM AMCONSUL KARACHI
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INFO AMCONSUL LAHORE
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E.O. 12858: GDS 10/0/87 (AUSTRIAN,M.I.) OR-P
TAGS: SREF AF PK
SUBJECT: (C) SHAKE-UP IN DALUCHISTAN REFUGEE PROGRAM

1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT).

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2. A COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEE AFFAIRS FINALLY HAS BEEN APPOINTED IN BALUCHISTAN, SEPARATING THIS WORK FROM THE CIVIL ADMINISTRATION. UNHCR REP NOTED THIS WILL MEAN COMMISSIONER CAN DEVOTE FULL TIME TO REFUGEE AFFAIRS, BUT HE POINTED OUT THAT THE COMMISSIONER WILL NOT HAVE LEGAL AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE HIS ORDERS. NEW COMMISSIONER IS THE FIFTH INDIVIDUAL PLACED IN CHARGE OF REFUGEE MATTERS SINCE THE AFGHANS BEGAN ENTERING BALUCHISTAN IN LARGE NUMBERS.

4. GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO HAVE DIFFICULTY IN GETTING INDIVIDUALS TO WORK IN BALUCHISTAN'S ISOLATED REFUGEE CAMPS. OF THE SIX HUNDRED AUTHORIZED ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS, ONLY THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE ARE FILLED. THE GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO RESIST EFFORTS TO PERMIT VOLAGS (EXCEPT INTER-AID) TO OPERATE IN THE PROVINCE. DURING THE PAST YEAR THERE WERE ONLY ELEVEN DOCTORS TO STAFF THE TWENTY BASIC HEALTH UNITS AUTHORIZED. THERE WERE NO FEMALE DOCTORS.

5. TRANSPORTATION REMAINS A MAJOR BOTTLENECK IN DISTRIBUTING RELIEF SUPPLIES WITHIN THE PROVINCE. WAREHOUSES AT THE RAILWAY HEAD ARE FULL, AND A LARGE NUMBER OF WAGONS WAIT TO BE UNLOADED. PRESENT CONTRACTOR HAS ONLY EIGHT TO TEN TRUCKS TO DISTRIBUTE SUPPLIES THROUGHOUT PROVINCE. EIGHT CAMPS HAVE BEEN WITHOUT WHEAT DELIVERIES FOR SEVEN WEEKS. SITUATION SHOULD IMPROVE ONCE GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS DELIVERY OF JAPANESE TRUCKS DEDICATED TO THIS OPERATION.

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6. UNHCR REP AND OTHERS ADMITTED THAT LOCAL RESENTMENT TO THE REFUGEES IS GROWING. THERE HAVE BEEN FEW OVERT MANIFESTATIONS OF THIS, BUT IT CLEARLY IS A SENSITIVE SUBJECT. UNHCR REP BELIEVES ONE CAUSE OF RESENTMENT IS FACT THAT REFUGEES RECEIVE BETTER SERVICES THAN SO LOCAL INHABITANTS. OTHERS TELL US THAT RECENT CENSUS, WHICH DISCLOSED THAT BALUCH NO LONGER CONSTITUTE A MAJORITY IN THEIR OWN PROVINCE, HAS HEIGHTENED LOCAL CONCERN. EVEN PATHAN LEADERS STATE THAT THEIR PEOPLE ARE WORRIED OVER THE INCREASED PRESSURE ON THE PROVINCE'S LIMITED RESOURCES.

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